Mike Menosky Receives Trial at First Base-- Tolling Dogs Coming to Local Show

Facing Clarendon Team, His Work At First Base Will Be Given Attention.

LINE-UP REMAINS IN DARK Manager Griffith Says Outlook

Is Satisfactory and Players Are In Condition.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. Whether or not Mike Menosky is worth continued experimenting as a first baseman is expected to be determined by his work today at Claren

don against the Alexandria County A.

fled with either Joe Judge or Hank Shanks as first basemen. Sam Rice, doing his best, cannot learn how to play the first corner in a week or so. But Rice's heavy hitting makes him a necessity in the line-up, and it is this same ability with the fisil that causes Menosky to be tried out as a first

If Menosky displays any latent skill around the initial sack; he will be sent through a course of spronts calculated to make him a major leaguer in that position. If, by any luck, he is able to play there this seasen, the Griffmen will have the heav

Play This Afternoon. The Washington Yannigans meet the Clarendon lads this afternoon, a misfit team being sent against the Virginians owing to the absence of so many players in Golumbus. However, Manager Jones team should find

plenty of trouble winning from the Manager Griffith did not accompany his team to Columbus. He gave command to Capt. George, McBride, and if things break right, will be in Carendon today looking over Mike Menosky under fire. He thinks this

of more value to him just now. Walter Johnson and Jim Shaw are Walter Johnson and Jim Shaw are carded to face Joe Tinker's team to day. Tomorrow Molly Craft and George Du Mont will climb the hill of the country went South last winter against Pat Moran's Phillies. Then it will be rest for the boys until the half ag goes up at Shibe Park Wednesday.

Team Still Undecided

With but two more days to go before the major league campaign opens for 1917, Manager Griffith is still un decided as to his regular line-up, not so much for the first game as for the

Joe Judge will be at first base against right-handed pitching and Shanks will be there if a southpaw is chosen to oppose the Griffs. That is for the opening of the campaign, but both Sam Rice and Mike Menosky remain possibilities for the beeth

main possibilities for the berth.

McBride will start at shortstop, but
Sam Crane is hovering around in the shadow, waiting for a chance.

Morgan Is Clamoring. Ray Morgan is clamoring, not by word of mouth, but by power of his deeds, for a place in the line-up, and the bacon in October. may yet land there. Morgan's superior hitting, especially in the spring, makes him a formidable opponent for Leonard, McBride, and Crane. If Leonard falls off in his work at

the hot corner, Foster may be shifted kees ought to win the pennant," says over to let Morgan play second base, Bill Donovan, of the Yankees, the position he occupied at this time "We are going to repeat," says

to Washington. In any event, it will not be well for any of those infielders to falter with Morgan close behind. Play Phila Tomorrow.

Tomorrow at Georgia avenue the Griffs will play the Phils for the last Eppa Rixey, former Virginia University twirler, is expected to perform for three or four innings, fol-lowed by Erskine Mayer, the Phillies' underhand pitcher. Tuesday the home boys will hold

their military drill and their morn-ing practice. The afternoon will be spent in preparing for the getaway. as the whole team will leave at 7 o'clock for Philadelphia. As usual. the Griffmen will stay at the Majestic

Wednesday the big league seasons open, with the Washington club fac-ing the rejuvenated Mackmen at Shibe Park. The Yankees will oppose the world's champion Red Sox. Outlook Is Pleasing.

"The outlook for this season is pleasing," says Manager Griffith. "Our training season has been a comcapable left-hand pitching right now, but Harper will soon be ready to take his turn on the rubber, and Jamleson over the situation very carafully and source of this month. The Pennsylvania authorities have looked over the situation very carafully and

is not far behind him.
"Although frequently credited with claiming pennants, I never do claim any, and I don't now. But I do believe that my team, if it gets any kind of luck, will play good baseball, and that's what the fans want—good baseball

'All is harmony on my ball club. are being held at all the colleges, and at none in greater numbers of Everybody is working for the wel-fare of the team. We're ready, tell the fans, to do our best, and our best should bring many victories.

AGAINST "BEAN BALL."

Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Browns, has announced that he A new cap will be worn by shy ball players this season which will furnish would never use George Sister as a pitcher again. Sister can pitch just as well as he can play first base or the protection against the "bean ball." The new hat is lined with cork which will break the force of the blow if the ball outfield, but after pitching Sisler finds hits a player on the head. that his shoulder muscles are bound, and it affects his batting. Jones at first last season was inclined to believe WAGNER DROPS BACK.

KANSAS CITY, April 8.—Jos Wag-ter, the young shortstop tried out by he New York Giants this spring, has will be a greater ball player than Ty ner, the young shortstop tried out by been the New York Giants this spring, has been released to John Ganzel's Kansas Cobb.

YANKEES PLAY NEWARK. NEWARK, N. J., April 8.-Bill Donovan's Yankees play the Newark Indians here today. Yesterday cold weather kept the Yanks from meeting the Brook-

VIRGINIA WINS, 4 TO 0. CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April &- Providence owner didn't even answer The Grange and Blue, in its final home the letter, so Toronto got the playing game, shut out Lehigh yesterday, 4 to 0 manager. Now Barrow has recommended to Knabe as the new manscattered hits.

MENOSKY TO HAVE | Patriotic Golfing Pros REAL TRIAL TODAY Choose Ball Made in U. S.

Recent Canvass of Country's Best Players, At Columbia Tournament, Shows Uniformity of Selection.

ountry playing the ancient adopted country playing the ancient adopted country playing the ancient adopted paleottish, have suddenly turned paleottish, have suddenly turned paleottish, who had the distinction Scottish, have suddenly turned patriotic and have done an almost unheard of thing in chosing a ball of American make.

Every athlete in almost every form of sport has a favorite stick, or glove, or bat. Some baseball players A. outfit. Sharp eyes will watch the youngster, seeking to ascertain his possibilities.

Manager Griffith is far from astisfied with either Joe Judge or Hank Shanks as first basemen. Sam Rice, towards as the sound of professional golders picking out a favorite ball in their everyday play and in matches in followed his Southern performaces.

When the professional golfers, thirty-three in number, took part in the recent pro tournament at Co-lumbia Country Club, it was of more than passing interest to note just which ball was used.

Players Have Favorite. A canvass of the players teeing off ty-four who teed off at Columbia twenty-four used what is known as the Red Honor, a ball of American make, of which some surprising storless were told from the South this win. showed a remarkable thing in the

Each golfer has his favorite ball an official ball is in use, golf has and the fact that the leading players and the fact that the leading players picked out this particular make seemed to give the ball the same distinction that has come to certain makes of baseball bats and ice skates.

CLAIMING VICTORY

Jack Barry, of the Red Sox.

PENN TO HOLD RELAYS

Big Meet Not Likely to Be Pre-

vented by War.

they are almost a unit in thinking that there will be no real reason for

more enthusiasm than at Pennsyl-

SISLER FOR FIRST BASE.

LOST LARRY LAJOIE.

ident Barrow of the International League, Nap Lajoie was to have been

manager of the Providence club. As he came from Woonsockett, he is popular in that section of the country. When

Barrow suggested to Owner Draper the idea of trying to sign Lajole, the former

ager of the Providence club.

According to the original plan of Pres-sent Barrow of the International

league.

Giants

nings.

SEEMS THE STYLE

Even the English bred golfers in this results were noted in the case of the

of winning the recent Columbia tour nament, is credited with a fine sea son on Southern courses. Nichol outdistanced his rivals at Palm Beach, St. Augustine, Camden, an Asheville. His Asheville perform ance takes rank with the best in

with some fine play at Columbia, despite the high wind which made ac curate driving an impossibility. At the time it was noted that the proressionals were getting long balls. Buff and Blue, and Nicholls, noted as one of the longest drivers in the country, was

at top form.

Many of the professionals make their own clubs, and are therefore make, of which some surprising stories were told from the South this winter.

In view of the fact that there are dozens of makes and that the English half sained a certain degree of popularity it was noticeable that the professionals appeared to have selected one ball of the same make for competition.

basketball, tennis, and cricket, where

The golfer believes his distances

TOLLING CANINES IN COMING SHOW

Manager Griffith Has Few With Labrador Dogs, Used for Hunt-Him When He Makes No ing Ducks, Should Attract Pre-Season Boast. Sportsmen's Attention.

The famous Tolling dogs, of Lab-Judging from the statements of the major league managers, Clark rador, are to be exhibited at the coming bench show of the Washing-Griffith is in a small group in his faiture to claim the pennant in his Kennel Club at the Arcade One or two come out bordly April 23 and 24. These dogs, which will be under the care of William M. and say their teams will bring home Molley, of this city, resemble the "Eight clubs will be in our Chesapeake bay dog, and are used is the statements of both Ban Johnfor huntig ducks in Labrador. They are expected to attract the attention short end of a 3-to-2 score. son and John K. Tener. of every sporting man in Washing-"I can honestly say that the Yan-

That Thunderboy, George S. Lane's when C. U. tied it up with two tallies. From there on they raced neck and neck to the eleventh.

Score by innings: R. H. E. last year.

If McBride loses out, Morgan may be given a trial at shortstop, where he played in the bushes before coming to Washington. In any exert it will be the strongest in base of the Ball," from John McGraw, of the Graef's Roseless Saxstone. This dog Catholic U. ... 000 002 000 01—3 9 1 Batteries—Holy Cross, Ryan and is now a local performer after winis now a local performer after win-Spillane; Catholic U., Kendrick

"They'll have to beat the Braves to land the pennant," is what George Stallings, of the Braves, has to say.
"Only wars, strikes or unforseen contingencies can keep the White Sox from winning the flag," says
"Engise" Rowland. Failings Unexpected, Miss Jean G. Defeats Pennsylvania Oarsmen By "Pants" Rowland.
"The Tigers look like a pennant-winner to me," from Hughey Jen-Hinkle's wire-haired fox terrier, inner to me," from Hughey Jendogs of its breed. The exhibition of Yale defeated Penn in the varsity wire-haired foxes is to be unusually rowing match on the Schuylkill river should make the going strong for

one of the most popular in the coun-Huggins is horest, anyway.
Griffith, Connie Mack, Lee Fohl,
Miller Huggins, Jimmy Callahan,
Fielder Jones, Fred Mitchell and Pat try. Edward J. Walsh, secretary of the Washington baseball club, has en-tered his Chesapeake Bay dog, and will compete for the handsome cup Moran are making no foolish claims, no matter what they think.

Dachshunds. Mrs. Stimson Brown will also have Dachshunds in the PHILADELPHIA. Pa., April 8.— Much has been said or written about whether the war situation will affect

Enter Airednies. Miss Betty Bryant and Dr. Walter B. Stillman have entered Airedales, while Boston terriers owned by Miss Edith Dukes and Miss Pauline Kindle-

berger will be shown.
S. Goubett, of the Russian embassy. will show his French buildog. Miss an M. Watson has a Pekingese entered.
N. E. Irwin, U. S. N., and S. J. Held
have colligs for the exhibition. Emmett's Bulldog a Contender

not holding the carnival as planned.
The recent letter of Major General
Wood to the Princeton athletes favored the retention of college sports,
providing that the athletes at the
same time take part in the drills that Eugene Emmett will have his bulldog in the ring seeking a prize. Miss Hinkle, president of the club, is expected to come up from Alken, S. C., shortly, accompanied by Miss Claudia Pheips, who will judge the West Highland terriers. Every known breed of dogs will be

shown at the sixth annual exhibition of the local club. The cups are now to be seen at Galt's and Spalding's. IN FINAL CONTEST.

Today the Washington soccer team plays its final game of the scason, meet-ing a picked team of Washington exat Seventsenth and B streets

ANNOUNCES ITS DATE. The Maryland Public Schools League has announced May 25 as the date for has announced stay on the athletic meet among students representing schools in Laurel, Upper resenting schools in Laurel, Upper resenting schools in Laurel, Upper Mariboro, Hyattsville, Surrattsville, and Baden. The meet will be held at Upper Marlboro.

WILSON GETS PASS.

CHICAGO, April 8 .- Handsomely enraved and gold lettered passes to all American League games for the season have been sent out by President B. B. Johnson to President Woodrow Wilson, Vice President Marshall, and former President William H. Taft.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Faculty Committee Orders Time Spent in Drilling for Possible Service.

Athletics at Georgetown have been abandoned, owing to the declaration of war by the United States against Germany, and the athletes will begin omorrow to learn military tactics. All colleges appearing on the Blue pared. They will be given the hearty and Gray baseball track and tennis support of every loyal fan in the colleges will be notified at once of Capital. Let the bell ring: schedules will be notified at once of the decision of the faculty committee

At George Washington a few track men are in training but no other teams are working. Therefore it will not be so hard a blow to the

FIELDERS' MIX-UP DEFEATS PHILLIES

Bancroft Bothers Whitted and Griffmen Seize

When Bancrooft took unto himself left field in the fifth inning, he made it possible for the Griffmen to land the first victory from the Phillies, 3 to 2. Furthermore, Whitted didn't hesitate to tell him so.

With two gone, Henry on third and Leonard on second, Milan lifted a short fly to left field. It should have been bagged easily by the gardner. It would have, too, but for Bancroft's mad gallop. He couldn't quite reach it, and he prevented Whitted's doing so. Result, one single for Zeb and two runs for the home boys. Those two tallies settled the game, too. Alexander toiled four frames in

good style, though Leonard's triple to the scoreboard in the first was turn-ed into a run. Only four blows were garnere off the premier pitcher of the Tener league. Gallia and Ayers occupied the box for the Griffs, and both did well. "Old Doctor Cox" allowed the foe but one

Score by Innings: R. H. E. Phillies ... 000 020 000—2 4 1 Griffmen ...100 020 00x—3 7 1 Batteries-Phinies, Alexander, Oes chger and Killifer; Griffmen, Gallia, Ayers, and Henry.

hit, and no runs in his four frames

BROOKLANDERS COP IT

Defeat Holy Cross Varsity Nine in Eleventh, 3 to 2.

It took eleven innings for Catholic University to upset the hopes of Holy Cross, but when Spillane dropped a thrown ball Rogers alid across the platter with the winning tally, the Massachusetts collegians being on the

Both teams were in good condition and battled evenly after the sixth, when C. U. tied it up with two tallies.

YALE CREW WINS

Third of a Length.

ler Huggins is that "I now renounce all hope of a first division berth." one of the most popular in the coun.

The time was 6:52. The time was 6:52. Coach Wright, Penn, raced his

junior crew against the Elis, be the junior rowers have been beating the so-called varsity at will in recent

practices.

This was the first and last race on Yale's schedule for the season, and will probably be Penn's only race, unoffered by Joseph Leiter.

The South Shore Kennels, owned by Mrs. J. S. Pettit, will have a complete collection of Pekingesee and plete collection of Pekingesee and Naval Academy later.

TO PLAY ALL MAJORS Jersey City Club Has a Pretentious

Schedule.

JERSEY CITY, April 8.—Sunday games with every club in the two major baseball leagues have been ar-ranged by the Jersey City ball club, an independent organization, to be contested on the old West Side Park grounds. The schedule starts April 8 with the Giants' second team as opwith the Glants' second team as op-ponent and winds up August 12 with the Red Sox. The list follows: April 8, Glants' second team; April 15, Yankee; April 22, Phillies; April 29, Dodgers; May 6, Glants; May 13,

29, Fodgers, May 20, Pittsburgh; May 27, Cubs: June 3, Detroit; June 10, White Sox; June 17, Browns; June 24, Brayes: July 1, Washington; July 8, Cardinals: July 15, Cincinnati; Au-gust 5, Athletics; August 12, Red

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With headlines shricking of war make its mark in 1917. Practically and rumors of war, the 1917 baseball season is about to be ushered in to make its fight for popularity. It finds the fans ready and waiting, too. Next Wednesday the curtain will roll up to disclose sixteen maior league ball.

The curtain is about to drop on to disclose sixteen major league ball clubs trained to the clubs trained to the minute and anxious for a flying getaway. Though in a fast league, the Washington team is ready to play its part. The players have had a successful training season, and are thoroughly pre

When Charlie Cox, Georgetown's Georgetown.

George Washington is expected to make the same decision Tuesday when its athletic council meets to consider the situation.

It will be a severe blow to the Blue and Gray has made for itself a great name on the football griding its but the track men will lose little. The tennis players are expected to nate that the baseball team has been been in their favorite sport at obliged to cancel its schedule, but had a length had been the tennis players are expected to the tennis players are expected to cancel its schedule, but confident home, but no outside competition will be staged.

At George Washington a few track the Hillisppers would soon be without competitors. Here's hoping that when the cooler days of autumn men are in training but no other many training to the cooler days of autumn come, they will find war's alarms receding and Charlie Cox on the job ceding and Charlie Cox on the job once again.

Within a few weeks the annual dropping of "future Ty Cobbs" will begin. It is the same story year after year, the rookies making won-derful showings until facing the real thing and then falling by the way-side. There is considerable difference between major league baseball and the type seen in the bushes. The boy looks a marvel in slow company and frequently a truck horse in the majors. But always there are a few majors. But always there are a few to hang on and, doubtless, new names ome wings and raced out into the will be seen in the box scores this

In the preliminary games played by narily heavy hitting has been done by the Red Sox, Mackmen, Tigers, White Sox, and Indians. This may or may not mean anything later on, but it would seem to predict furious slugging in the earlier contests of the season opening this week. As Manager Griffith said a few weeks ago. Crane seemed stale and lacked the necessary speed to bring him victory.

The curtain is about to drop on Washington's bowling year. The past season on the alleys of the Capital has been excellent. Constantly the army of bowlers is increasing in number, while the caliber of the rolling is also getting better. No indoor sport quite compares with bowling as an attraction for the multitude. A mid-dle-aged man is as good as his youthful foeman more often than not. Bowling costs little in comparison with the benefits derived. It keeps many a man from growing old. It strengthens the young and weak. It gives pleasure to even the followers of the game. But warm weather is coming and the alleys are about to become silent for a few months.

If Willard picks Frank Moran as his successor, he will be but follow-ing the example of Jeffries, who in-formed a waiting world that Marvin Hart was the champion. Then every-Hart was the champion. Then every body proceeded to laugh as one man after another hammered Hart sround a ring. Moran might have held onto the job a few years ago, but his last exhibition in New York showed that his day had passed. Just which heavyweight among the load of lemons now in the ring is capable of dending the title is not known, but it fending the title is not known, but it would be far better for Willard to quit the circus and defend his own title. He got it honestly. Why can't he give some other man a chance?

GOULD IS CHAMPION

Retains Title By Defeating Crane In Court Tennis.

BOSTON, April &-Jay Gould, of New York, remains court tennis champion for the twelfth consecutive year, following his defeat yesterday of Joshua Crane, the Boston expert

AMERICAN LEAGUE

"If Call Comes For Us All We'll Close Our Gates," Says Ban Johnson.

CHICAGO, April 8 .- "If they call for us all ot come, the American League will close its gates, and all of us will do our best for our country," is the before-the-game announce ment of Ban Johnson, president of baseball's livest organization

"However, until that call comes, and I hope it will not be necessary. the American League will continue to play its scheduled games. I beto play its scheduled games. I be-lieve that the fans of the country will be more than pleased, too, to have something to take their minds

from warfare.

"With Connie Mack assuring me of the increased strength of his team, I look for the greatest race in the history of the lesgue. Philadelphia last year was the one weak sister we had. Ilook for a blanket finish in October, with the championship in doubt to the last day.

the last day.
"War ought not to interrqupt our schedule. Every American League war ought not to interrupt our schedule. Every American League club had an army officer drilling the players in the training camps this spring, and that drill will be continued all season. Permission has been secured from army headquarters to retain these officers throughout the year, and each club will be given its full quota of instructions every day. The fact that the Government has consented to permit us to retain The fact that the Government has consented to permit us to retain these instructors shows how highly the work is regarded in army circles.

"Military maneuvers will be a festure at all our opening games on Wednesday, and baseball fans will be surprised and thrilled to see how much progress the players have made in the South. These drills also will be held at all our games during the season.

BUSINESS HIGH WINS.

Business High's baseball team defeated Briarly Hall Military academy at Poolesville, Md., yesterday, 7 to 1. Pooleaville, Md., yesterday, 7 to 2. Hersaberger, the academy twirler, fanned fourteen Washington batamen, but his support was weak in the tight



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